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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant claimed gas reformer apparatus comprising a plurality of hydrogen separating members and each having a substrate made of a particularly described ferritic stainless steel and perforated with holes and coated with a hydrogen permeating membrane at its external surface and including a double pipe having inner and outer walls between which the hydrogen separating members are inserted and a catalyst put in a cavity defined by the inner and outer walls of the double pipe is not described in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel M Heinrich whose telephone number is 571-272-1175. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas G Dunn can be reached on 571-272-1175. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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